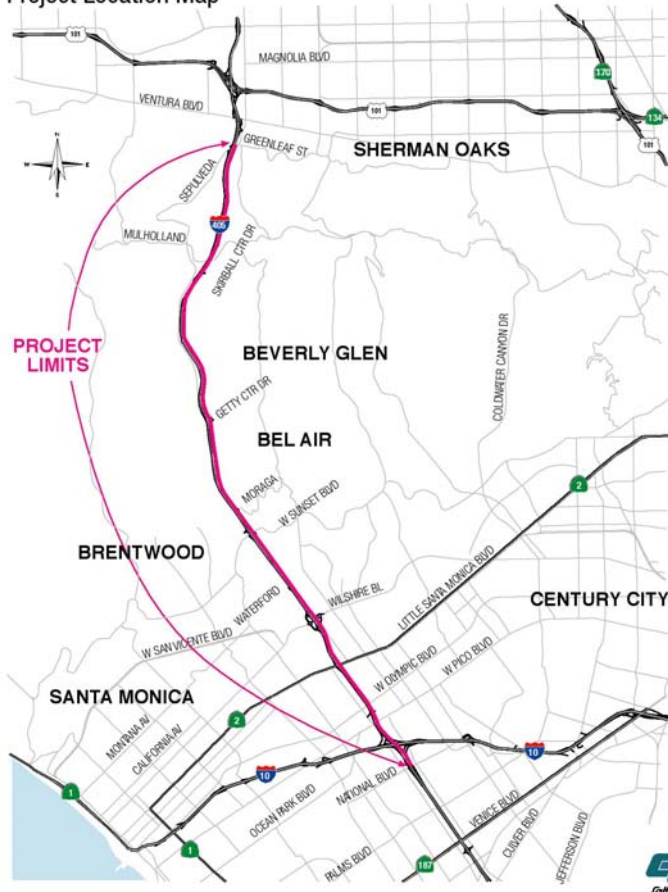




Environmental Scoping Notice

Seeking Public Comment on Plans for Proposed Improvements to Route 405 Between National Blvd. and Greenleaf St.

LA Route 405 Northbound HOV Lane from National to Greenleaf Project Location Map



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 7, is proposing to make improvements on Route 405 in Los Angeles County between National Blvd. and Greenleaf St. Alternatives that minimize impacts and costs are being considered.

Proposed Project Alternatives Include:

Alternative 1: No Build

Alternative 2: The widening of the existing facility to add a northbound HOV lane.

Alternative 3: The widening of the existing facility to add a northbound HOV lane and restore southbound freeway lane and shoulder widths to current design standards.

Alternative 4: The widening of the existing facility to provide for four HOV lanes (two each, both northbound and southbound) on an elevated viaduct, within the freeway median..

Alternative 5: Transit Enhancement Alternative. This would involve design features that would facilitate increased transit use in the corridor.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans is formally re-initiating studies for this project. Further Environmental Studies will determine whether the resulting environmental document will be an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) or a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact (ND/FONSI).

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

The purpose of this public scoping notice is to solicit comments from public agencies, private entities, and interested individuals regarding potential social, economic, and environmental issues related to the project. This scoping notice also solicits ideas on other alternatives and ensures that parties are involved early in the environmental planning process. Please note that if you made comments in the past, they are still valid and have been documented and considered in the scope of our studies.

CONTACT

Please send your comments in writing no later than **October 31, 2005** to:

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Thank you for your interest!